# ORATOR AND STATESMAN.

He Passes Peacefully Away at Lexington Surrounded by Those He Loved,

### RIPE IN YEARS FILLED WITH HONORS,

He Was One of the Greatest Legal Advocates of His Time.

### AUTHORITY ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAW.

Impressions of Those That Knew Him Best a Debater in the Halls of Congress, His Gentleness and Gentality, His Devotion to Friends and His Tender Begard for

ther of "Tucker's Blackstone," and a "Commentary on the Federal Consiliution," published to less the graduated in law at William and Mary College was in the Revolutionary war for seven years, was wounded at Guifford Courthouse, and was at Yorktown when Comwalls surrendered. He was for a good many years professor of law at William and Mary College. His son, Henry St.George Tucker, father of John Randelph Tucker.

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It was during his service as Attorney-General that the South second from the Union, Mr. Tucker was strendy in fa-ture of Virginia following her sixter States, He advocated carnestly that if all the States should act in unison, their separation from the Union proving to be per-manent, they would thus be in a state by which future war could be averted,

diction of the Court of Claims. After leaving Congress he practiced his profession in Washington for two years. His practice there was very large and remunerative. During this term he argued the Virginia Coupen cases before the Suprems Court of the United States. Before he took the case for the Commonwealth, the lower courts had given decisions in favor of the bond holders. When the case came to trial before the Supreme Court, the attorney for the bond holders expected Justice Stanley Matthews to deliver the opinion of the court, and confidently expected that the judgment would be for his clients. Mr. Justice Matthews did deliver the opinion of the court, but it was favorable to the

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I think Mr. Tucker the greatest man that Virginia has produced in my time, and one of the greatest the country has produced. His long public career was one of great usefulness, and the impress he has made is still producing good effects."

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Governor O'Ferrall, who served in Congress with Mr. Tucker, said:

"I first met Mr. Tucker in 1856 at the Winchester bar. I was a mere boy, yet he showed me the utmost consideration, and I parted with him with feelings of more than admiration and respect. He was a young man then, but he was of full stature and strength as a lawyer and full stature and strength as a lawyer and the produced in the man ever more loving or beloved in his own family; no man ever more loving or beloved in his own family; no man ever more loving or beloved in his own family; no man ever more appreciated in every community, where he was best known and tew there are whose loss could be more universally deplored.

"Passionately devoted to the indiction and a loyal member of the church, in sympathy with whatever things are lovely and pure and of good report. In this own family; no man ever more loving or beloved in his own family; no man ever more loving or beloved in his own family; no man ever more loving or beloved in his own family; no man ever more loving or beloved in his own family; no man ever more loving or beloved in the man ever more loving or beloved in the same family, no man ever more loving or beloved in the man ever more loving or beloved in the man ever more loving or beloved in the same family, no man ever more loving or beloved in the man ever more loving or beloved in the same family, no man ever more loving or beloved in the same family, no man ever more loving or beloved in the same family, no man ever more loving or beloved in the same family, no man ever more loving or beloved in the same family, no man ever more loving or beloved in the same family over the was best known and tew there are whose loss could be m

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Hon. William Wirt Henry said last night:
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widely known or more beloved than John
Randolph Tucker, Descended from an Member of Congress, and as Professor of Law, Mr. Tucker was conspicuous for ability and learning. While in Congress he was classed among the foremest, and was undoubtedly the leading member

Mr. Tucker combined, as no one else in our day, humor, wit and bonhomis with solidity of intellect and broad and statesmannike views of every subject he grasped. It was my good fortune to hear him in his two last appearances in public. One at Washington in the Convention held to urge arbitration of international questions, and the other at Saratoga last summer in the National Law Association, where he read a namer on the proper "As all who ever met with him are aware, he was one of the most genial and entertaining of men. Naturally bouyant and cheerful in spirit, full of pleasantry, and witty in the extreme, underneath it all was a current of serious thought, becoming one who was imbued with the spirit of the Gospel of Christ.

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young men, what crowds flocked to hear him when he came to make an address in Richmond; it mattered not upon what theme. Many tried to get as near as possible to the platform from which he spoke in order to watch the play of expression in his handsome face, as he

an expression of opinion in regard to the great lawyer who had just closed his eyes. Judge Sinples said:

"The death of Mr. Tucker is a loss which cannot be supplied. I considered him an extraordinary man in many respects. His versatility of talent was the greatest I have ever known. Whether mond, it was usually to discuss some political subject, and his effective manner in handling those topics are familiar in the recollection of all that heard him. TRUE AND CONSTANT. arguing a question of constitutional law or a question of fact before a jury or

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Clicuit Court were in what was then known as the "State courthouse" situated at the head of Frankin street on the cast side of the Capitol Square, and the Attorney-General, contributes the following:

"Another of Virginia's statesmen has gone to his rest. Death, unmindful of the distress which follows its destroying effect, has placed its tey hands on the mortal form of Hon. John Randolph Tuckor and the voice of this good man is forever hushed. In the nursery of his childhood where as a tender twig he was mourished, his intellectual powers rapidly developed until as a vigorous sapling he was transplanted into the great field of intellectual culture, soon developing intell

greetings received by me on my return to Richmond was extended by Mr. Tucker, He offered me his own aid and the use of his office books to enable me to continue my law studies, and I can never forget the affectionate heartiness with which that offer was accompanied. This and many other acts of kindness, together with his attractive character and disposition deeply attached me to him all the rest of his life, and to-day, in common withmany others at our har. I mourn his death, not only on account of the loss sustained by the bar, but as that of a devoted and true friend.

A GREAT LAWYER.

When Mr. Tucker was a practition at the Richmond bar among its leaders weresuch men as John Robertson, Arthur A. Morson, Conway Robinson, James Lyons, Thomas P. August, George W. Randolph, A. Judson Crane, Marmaduko Johnson, John S. Caskie, Raleigh T. Dautel, Peachy R. Grattan, William Green, John B. Young, N. P. Howard, Andrew Johnston, John O. Steger, John G. Williams, James Alfred Jones, and Judge

in this line second to no man in this country.

There are very few men who excel and shine in all the departments of life. Mr. Tucker's talents were so versatile, his accomplishments so great, and ais learning so profound, that he was brilliant wherever and whenever his powers were brought into play. On the fluatings, before the court or jury, or in social intercourse, anywhere and everywhere, he was a man of mark and wonderful attractiveness. Ho was one of the best 'stump' speakers we ever had in Virginia. Before the lower courts and the juries he was almost irresistible, and in the Appellate Courts he was a master of logic, learning and eloquence, all combined.

POWERFUL ARGUMENTS.

I shall never forget the impression made by his argument in the celebrated case of Letsner vs. Bolling, in the special Court of Appeals. He had the Unpopular, and what many thought to be the wrong side of the case was prevalent, seemed only to stimulate his great powers and it seemed to me that I could see and it seemed to me that I could seemed and it seemed to me that I could seemed and it seemed to me that I could seemed.

that this idea of the case, but the fact that this idea of the case was prevalent, seemed only to stimulate his great powers, and it seemed to me that I could see the force of his great argument on the Court as he praceeded, and see that it was sweeping the Court before it like leaves before an autumn blast. He, of course, won his case, both in that court and in the Supreme Court of Appeals, to which it was afterwards carried. I have heard nearly all the great lawyers who have appeared before the courts of Richmond in the past thirty-five years, and I never heard but two other arguments which made as great aff impression on me as that of Mr. Tucker, above referred to. One of these was made by Judge Ould in the case of Flicher vs. George, in the Court of Appeals, and the other by Col-W. W. Gordon in the case of Lewis vs. Thomas, before Judge Flizhigh, on the motion to appoint a receiver.

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As a conversationalist, Mr. Tucker was simply charming. He was one of the best minles that I ever heard, could adapt himself to any company, and be the centre of attraction in any crowd. The members of the State Bar Association, of which he was then president, will scarcely ever forget the delightful way in which he presided over our most successful banquet at Old Point about four years ago and our City Association will long cherist

held to urge arbitration of international questions, and the other at Saratoga last summer in the National Law Association, where he read a paper on the proper education of a modern lawyer. On both occasions he was the peer among the most distinguished men of the country. He was a man never to be forgotten by those who cace knew him, a man of whom it will be said. "We never shall look upon his like again."

Jest peel impressions.

Soon after news of Mr. Tucker's death had been received in this city I called upon Judge Waller B. Staples at his home at No. 455 eact Grace street to ask him for an expression of opinion in regard to the great lawyer who had just closed nis eyes. Judge Staples said:

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I have not attempted to write any panegric of my dead friend, but only to state a few incidents of his life, of which I had personal knowledge. I do not hesistant or the state of the s tate to sar, however, that in my optition, and I believe in that of the bar of Virginia, Mr. Tucker will be ranked as one of her great statesmen and greatest law-

yers. He was almost universally popular, both



manner of expression made him at once a ruccess as an educator. Knowing the human mited, he knew how to deal with him an interest of liberty."

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## HIS DOMESTIC LIFE.

On the 5th of October, 1818, four years On the 5th of October, Isis, four years after he had graemated at the University of Virginia, Mr. Tucker was matried to Laura Hoines Powell, daughter of Colonel Humphrey B. Powell, of Loudoun county, Va. Of his married life it may be truly said that since the days of Isaac smit Rebecca none has been more faithful and loving.

Mr. Tucker's tamily consisted of seven children. A son, Powell, died while Mr. Tucker was living in Richmond, during the war. His eldest, Evelina Hunter, married Wilmer Shields, of Mississippi. In next, Anne Holmes, married Dr.

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Wm. P. McGuire, of Winchester, Va.; the
third, Virginia Brocke, married John
Carmichael, of Georgia, but now of Lexington. His only surviving son, Henry ington. His only surviving son, Henry St. George, has been for eight years the Representative in Congress of the Tendistrict of Virginia. Another daughter, hearing ludge Logan Gertrude Powell, married Judge Logan, of the United States District Court of Idaho. Laura Randolph, the youngest of Idaho. Laura Randolph, the youngest of his seven children, married E. M. Pen-

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side, remarking as be passed a Republican Representative, "I got all out of him I wanted," to which the member republican a damaed sight miled: "Yes; and and a damaed sight more!"

FROM THOSE WHO KSEW HIM.

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"This country has produced few more wiseful mon than John Ramiolph Tucker," and For. W. R. Morrison, Interstate and For. W. R. Morrison, Interstate with mim for a number of years, and had ample opportunity to estimate his charance and ability. He was a statesman in the truest sense of that term; a man of broad and sound views. His pricate marked was particularly admirable. He was one of the mest upright and pure was one of the mest upright and praise for him, and each year at commencement, the suddest duty of the law graduates was to tell him good-bye. Each one would take away with him a picture of Mr. Tucker, with the thought that the greatest pleasure and opportunity of his life was the study of law under him.

Mr. Tucker, socially, belonged to the carry school of Virginia gentemps. fine asy and polished bearing made him to be loved and henored.

Mr. Tucker was an I.L. D. of Yale. Harvard, and William and Mary Collège, three of the oldest schools of the United States. of broad and sound views. His pricate character was particularly admirable. He was one of the most upright and pure men, I ever met, and he carried into his public life the principles which characterized his private life. His influence in Congress was probably more extensive than that of any man who served with him. An orator of distinguished ability, his speeches in Congress were rendered doubly effective by the appreciation that he was always actuated by a desire for right.

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AS A TARIPP REFORMER.

"I served with Mr. Tucker on the Ways and Means Committee during several Congresses. He was one of the pioners in the movement towards a moderate tariff. He understood the question theroughly, and, in my opinion, there has been no stronger presentation of the arguments a favor of tariff reform, than that made by him in support of the tariff bill, which I reported to the Porty-eighth Congress. It was a masterly address, and will stand for all time as an irrefutable argument in favor of tariff for revenue only.

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There can be question that Mr. Tucker's efforts in behalf of a true tariff policy intensitied the tariff reform sentiment of the Democracy, and aided materially in producing results that were not apparent until after he had retired to private life. Since he left Congress, I have watched his career with the utmost interest and the closest attention, and feel his death as deeply as could any of his warment personal friends.

his seven children, married E. M. Pendieton, Esq., a very prominent lawyer of Lexington.

Mr. Tucker for the past eighteen months has been writing a work on Constitutional law, which is virtually completed, and can soon be finished by his son, as